

Gladwin City Planning Commission  
April 25, 2018

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Darlington at 5:45 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present; Auer, Czape, Darlington, David, Stout, Wendell and Emeott.

Absent; Commissioners; Clayton and English.

Also present; Councilwoman Bodnar and Karen Tomcek.

Motion by Auer, support from Emeott to approve minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting. All ayes.

The commissioners reviewed a request from Little Caesar's Pizza to approve a request for two wall signs in addition to a ground mounted sign. The requests conform to ordinance requirements. A motion was made by Stout with support from Czape to approve the request. All ayes.

There were several updates from Darlington. The committee reviewing the possible use of electronic signs in or adjacent to residential districts met. The committee developed a list of possible items to be part of an amendment allowing same. That has been sent to planner Doug Piggott for his review and response to the commission. Darlington attended the Fired Board meeting recently and it was brought to her attention that it can be a real handicap for emergency services workers to find a location when there are house numbers that are not visible from the street or non-existent particularly after dark. She was encouraged to see if the city could find ways to promote citizens purchasing and installing reflective house numbers. The commissioners discussed the matter and concurred with the importance of visible house numbers for many reasons.

The committee researching the topic of solar farms within the city limits and the development of ordinance language for inclusion in the zoning ordinance met and will meet again this week. They are continuing to gather information. Both committees plan to present findings at the regularly scheduled May meeting.

Darlington reminded commissioners that there will be a class regarding planning and zoning Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Gladwin. Please send registrations to Weaver soon. Weaver and Darlington attended a program developed by the State to help cities understand the new Re-Development Ready Communities program and what steps cities can take to enable them to increase the likelihood they can receive grants that become available. Darlington found the program valuable. Much is available on the state's website. She also mentioned that she has been appointed to the Animal Shelter Board by the county board of commissioners. Darlington adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan David, Secretary